

## **Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Council**

### ***Draft Agenda***

October 6-7, 2014

FWP Regional Office, 2300 Lake Elmo Drive

Billings, MT

### **Objectives:**

- 1) Report on program accomplishments for 2014 (all program staff)
- 2) Field trip to Yellowstone WMA and Pompeys Pillar
- 3) Optional field trip to Red Lodge: USFS-UGBEP ruffed grouse projects
- 4) Meet the Billings area partners
- 5) Opportunity for public comment

### **Agenda:**

#### **Monday, October 6, 2014**

7:45 am	Gather at Region 5 for meeting. <i>Beverages and light snacks will be provided.</i>
8:00 am	Introductions, general housekeeping – per diem, facilities, acceptance of minutes, etc.
8:15 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Meeting focus and Chairman updates – <i>Dale Tribby</i></li><li>★ Legislative and Department updates – <i>Ken McDonald</i></li><li>★ Governor’s Sage-grouse Task Force update – <i>Rick Northrup</i></li></ul>
9:30 am	Overview of habitat tour – <i>Jay Watson</i>
10:00 am	Depart for Pompeys Pillar and Yellowstone WMA
12 noon	Lunch at Yellowstone WMA
3:00 pm	Return to Region 5.
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Meet the Partners and Public comment (Region 5 office)

**Tuesday, October 7, 2014**

7:45 am        Meet at Region 5. *Beverages and light snacks will be provided.*

8:00 am        **2014 UGBEP Accomplishments**

- UGBEP fiscal report: a review of the program fiscal accounts, obligations, expenditures, and balances.
- Summary of UGBEP Habitat Enhancement Projects initiated in 2014: Contracts, project type, acreages, expenditures
- 2014 Pheasant Release summary
- Report on VPA-HIP status
- FWP/FSA MOU
- NFWF grant update
- NWTF/USFS Position
- Other program and updates: field manual, access guides.
- Review of Regional strategies and work completed towards those strategies
  - Regions 1, 2, and 3 - Debbie Hohler
  - Region 4 – Craig Roberts, Debbie Hohler
  - Region 5 – Ray Mule', Jay Watson, Dennis Yurian
  - Region 6 – TBD
  - Region 7 – TBD

12:30 pm      Lunch. *Lunch will be provided.*

1:00 pm        Continued discussion from Monday's and today's topics.

2:00 pm        Council input on 2014 program implementation

3:00 pm        Council recommendations for 2015 field season

4:00 pm        Closing remarks.

**Wednesday, October 8, 2014**

Optional aspen project tour in Red Lodge. Details will be forthcoming.

**Next UGBEP Council meeting will be held in Helena on April 13-14, 2015**

Meeting agenda will primarily focus on identifying priorities for program implementation during the 2015 field season.